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### **LAEDC Receives CALED Award**

InnovateLA was recognized as the Grand Prize Winner for an economic development program, and WTCLA's SelectLA Investment Summit received an Award of Merit at CALED's 38th Annual Conference.

[Read More Here.](#)

### **Kaiser Permanente Honors LAEDC Chair Jodie Lesh**

Jodie Lesh was recently presented the George Halvorson Community Benefit Award. Jodie was inspired to look beyond the clinical health outcomes that Kaiser Permanente delivers, and consider the process of constructing new facilities as a mechanism to lift health through positive economic impact. Learn more about the [award and Jodie's work here.](#)

### **Advocacy & Public Policy**

As part of our mission to advance opportunity and prosperity for all, the LAEDC takes targeted action on public policy. Stay abreast of our advocacy, [and learn how you can support our efforts here.](#)

### **LAEDC member CSUN Awarded for Innovation Efforts**

California State University, Northridge was named an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). The institution was also named as a 2018 Social

Mobility Innovator. For more on the award and CSUN's innovation efforts, visit [here](#).

## **Aerospace Council Connects Industry with Aerospace Corp Innovation Lab**

Industry attendees at the quarterly meeting of SoCal Aerospace Council met with Aerospace Corporation on April 11th, to learn about the Innovation Lab at Aerospace Corporation, network and discuss current industry issues.

[Learn more](#) about the Quarterly Meeting

## **City of Arcadia and LAEDC Co-Host Chairman's Series at Santa Anita Park**

The LAEDC and Arcadia co-hosted the Chairman's series at Santa Anita Park on March 7, 2018. In addition to recent plans for the park, the city of Arcadia's economic opportunities and challenges were discussed. For more on the event, click [here](#).

## **LAEDC Board Meeting Covers Legislation, AI, Ports and Tariffs and More**

The Board of Governors meeting on March 18th featured presentations on tariffs, trade and the Port of Long Beach. The meeting also feature a discussion on the future of AI and how it is changing the nature of work. Read more [here](#).

## **LAEDC Offers Support for SB 948**

The LAEDC is supporting Senate Bill 948. The bill will reduce delays in projects that help local governments meet their climate, housing, land use and transportation goals.

Read our letter of support [here](#).

## Bioscience Incubator Space making presence felt in LA County

According to a Los Angeles Business article, bioscience incubators are thriving in LA County. The region's incubators were recently showcased at a UCLA conference in support of startup companies.

[Read more here.](#)

## Featured Events

### Future Forum: The Future of Retail and Consumerism.

On May 2, 2018, the LAEDC and Cal State University, Dominguez Hills will host the Future of Retail and Consumerism, Future Forum event. Join keynote speaker Rick Caruso, featured speaker Nicholas J. Hodson, and panelists Ellie L. Altshuler and Thomas J. Hodson as they discuss upcoming trends in retail.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit [here](#).

### Select LA Investment Summit

The 2018 Select LA Investment Summit is Southern California's premier international trade event that brings together hundreds of global investors with business and governmental leaders from Southern California to facilitate and secure foreign direct investment (FDI), and provide exclusive insights on market trends and opportunities in the Los Angeles region. This summit provides key components of what every foreign investment requires: detailed research and opportunities.

[Learn more and register.](#)

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